

Law Offices  
**McANDREWS, HELD & MALLOY, LTD.**  
34TH FLOOR  
500 WEST MADISON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60661

TELEPHONE: (312) 775-8000

FACSIMILE: (312) 775-8100

**FAX COVER LETTER****CONFIDENTIAL**

THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL IS INTENDED FOR THE RECIPIENT NAMED BELOW AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY INDICATED, IS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THE ENCLOSED MATERIALS IS PROHIBITED. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE, AT OUR EXPENSE, AND DESTROY THE ENCLOSED MATERIALS. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

**TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Customer Service Center

**FROM:** Donald J. Pochopien

**DATE:** April 10, 2003

**FACSIMILE NUMBER:** 703-746-9195

**CHARGE TO:** 1915-13971US03

Number of Pages This Transmission (Including Cover Page): 12

**Message:**

*If you have problems receiving this facsimile transmission, please contact Jennifer Juechter at the above telephone number (Ext. 8169).*

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. RTI-104IB  
01915/13971US03

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Grooms, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/722,205

Filed: November 25, 2000

For: "Intervertebral Spacers"  
(As Amended)

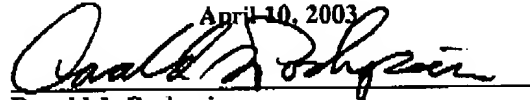
Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Eduardo C. Robert

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Office of Initial Patent Examination, Customer Service Center, Washington, D.C. 20231, at facsimile number 703-746-9195 on this date:

April 10, 2003

  
Donald J. Pochopien  
Registration No. 32,167  
Attorney for Applicants

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Customer Service Center  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On today' date, the Applicants cofiled by first class mail with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a "Second Preliminary Amendment and Response to a Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121." In the Amendment portion, the Applicants respectfully requested that the Examiner make the following amendments to the Title and to the specification, regarding the claim of priority:

In the Title:

Please delete the title and substitute therefor the following:

— Intervertebral Spacers —